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DOWNTOWN STATION Sold. PHOTOS COURTESY AFPD

## AVFD sells downtown fire station to AFPD

Roy Willis

PRESIDENT, ARCATA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION  
ARCATA – The Arcata Volunteer Firefighters' Association (AVFA) is pleased to announce the sale of its Arcata Downtown Fire Station, located at 631 Ninth Street, to the Arcata Fire Protection District (AFPD), a public agency that has provided essential fire protection and emergency services to the community since 1944.



1950s.

This significant transaction marks the next chapter in the fire station's history, which has long served as a cornerstone of Arcata's emergency response infrastructure. The AFPD has been renting the Ninth Street station from the Association since the 1970s and occupying it with career firefighters since 2012.



1959.

After Arcata experienced several devastating fires, on Jan. 24, 1884, the Arcata Fire Company #1 was established. Between 1884 and 1923 fire suppression equipment was stored at various rented spaces around the east side of the Arcata Plaza.

On Sept. 21, 1923, Chief Mathews and Secretary Stromberg were authorized to purchase the property at the corner of Ninth and F streets on behalf of the Arcata Volunteer Fire Department.

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## Humboldt aimed for progress, energy in 2024

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County agendas for 2024 included economic improvement efforts and expanding housing opportunity, with mixed results sometimes due to forces beyond its control. The year also saw the county joining the state and the nation in kicking off a historic transition to new energy sources.

**Power planning**

Energy production and its im-

pacts have long been high profile issues but not necessarily local ones. That changed in 2024.

California executive orders and legislation call for achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. Heeding the call to action, the county developed a draft version of its *Regional Climate Action Plan*, a 129-page document that outlines how Humboldt will change the ways it builds, travels and uses energy in the next 20 years. Unanimously approved by the

Board of Supervisors in October, the plan aims to increase use of renewable and carbon-free electricity, making 90 percent of all of Humboldt's electricity "carbon-free."

A "cornerstone" of the plan is formation of a Regional Climate Committee made up of representatives of the county, cities and agencies.

With staff led by a climate program manager, the committee will coordinate a regional effort that will

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## CUMBRE Humboldt, partners offer Comida Navideña

Lucy Salazar

PRESIDENT, CUMBRE HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – CUMBRE Humboldt received a grant from the Humboldt Area Foundation Holiday Funding Partnership, which enabled us to provide Comida Navideña – culturally appropriate Christmas food—to 40 disadvantaged Latinx families in Arcata.

This effort was made possible thanks to the contributions of many behind-the-scenes helpers, and we want to express our heartfelt grati-



**BAGS OF CHEER** Salvador Garcia, Luana Brielle Garcia Diaz and Lucy Salazar prepare food bags, spreading cheer through Comida Navideña eve. SUBMITTED PHOTO

tude to each one of them.

Maria Guadalupe

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# Let the Girl Scouts take your tree

**TROOP 70181**  
NOHUM – McKinleyville Girl Scout Troop 70181 will be picking up and recycling Christmas trees in the McKinleyville/Arcata area for donations. Pickups begin on Thursday, Jan. 2. Additional pickup dates are Friday, Jan. 3; Saturday, Jan. 4, Sunday, Jan 5 and Sunday, Jan. 12.

If you are interested in having your tree picked up to be properly composted, please call Cheryl at (707) 502-8929 to select a pickup date.

You can also go online to request a date at [forms.gle/2YfCeDK6HY-GE2YGc6](https://forms.gle/2YfCeDK6HY-GE2YGc6).

The Troop is raising money for their trip to England to visit the World Girl Guide and Girl Scout Center at Pax Lodge among other famous sights. This recycling effort has been ongoing for



12 years. Despite the wet and cold work, the Girl Scouts feel it is important for the environment to provide this service.

Four previous groups of older girls from Troop 70181 have each successfully made three-week long trips to England and Wales in the summers of 2013, 2016, 2022 and

2024 thanks to the support of our Humboldt community and their own teamwork. Over 50 Girl Scouts have fundraised enough to travel and experience another culture. The last two troop trips added Scotland to their tour of the United Kingdom. Suggested donation is \$8 per tree.

# Six Cal Poly students awarded AAUW re-entry scholarships

**AAUW**  
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) recently awarded its annual Re-Entry Scholarships, which are open to Cal Poly Humboldt (CPH) upper division and graduate level women students who have had a minimum five-year interruption in their college/university educational experience.

AAUW-Humboldt has focused on giving scholarships to women returning to school after a long break to provide an extra incentive for them to stay in school, even when facing significant financial, family, and work pressures.

The diverse experiences of these older students also bring value to the campus and serve as a reminder that there is often no straight path to some educational goals.

Due to the generous donations of its members, the organization was able to award six scholarships, totaling \$12,000. The recipients are:

- Annie Allen, a Master's student in Natural Resources at CPH, is studying changes in fen vegetation communities in the Klamath Mountains to shed light on ecological processes that help create fens and highlighting potential impacts due to climate change.
- Athena Doyle is working on her M.A. at CPH. She wants to work with communities on planning and infrastructure de-



**AWARDEES** AAUW Re-entry Scholarship recipients Maritza Gamez, Athena Doyle, Jasmine Ellman, Annie Allen, Lorene Lenhart, Aris Ownsby. SUBMITTED PHOTO

velopment to combat the effects of global warming, "so that people don't have to walk to their car through flood water."

- Jasmine Ellman has been teaching in the Eureka schools while also developing swimming programs for the Redwood Coast Regional Center, especially for special needs students. She has returned to school to complete a Masters in Kinesiology with a Secondary Physical Education Teaching Credential.
- Maritza Gamez grew up near an industrial waste site and studied toxicology as an undergraduate. After seven years of working in analytical labs, she has started her M.A. at CPH studying the impact of the Klamath Dam removals by looking at changes in two species of small fish over time.
- Lorene Lenhart is a Junior in the Child Development and Family Relationships program. She has worked in many

different capacities while raising her four children, including as an Aide at their school. Lorene sees herself as a potential bridge between teachers, students and parents in the classroom because of the skills her life experiences have taught her.

- Aris Ownsby is completing her M.A. in the fisheries Department at CPH. She is currently the lead technician for the California Collaborative Fisheries project, which recruits avid anglers to catch and release fish for recording and tagging.

The AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity through research, education, and advocacy.

The Humboldt Branch provides these scholarships, offers other educational and leadership opportunities for local girls, and hosts various interest groups and monthly meetings to promote community engagement.

For more information, visit [humboldt-ca.aauw.net](https://humboldt-ca.aauw.net).

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The evening culminates in an East Coast countdown at 9 p.m. with complimentary sparkling apple juice or champagne.

With tickets at just \$6 for ages 6-12, \$11 for 13 and up and free for kids 5 and under, it's the perfect way to ring in the New Year with your loved ones, all before midnight!

Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

Humboldt Grange #501 located at 5845 Humboldt Hill Rd. in Eureka.

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Monday, Dec. 23	01.61	19.40	12.16	13.28
Tuesday, Dec. 24	00.43	19.83	12.18	13.54
Wednesday, Dec. 25	00.13	19.96	12.20	13.80
Thursday, Dec. 26	00.61	20.57	12.20	14.07
Friday, Dec. 27	00.34	20.91	12.52	14.33
Saturday, Dec. 28	00.47	21.38	12.52	14.58

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5 It's sold in bars  
9 Canned meat since 1937  
13 Pale anagram  
14 More than suggest  
15 Madcap comedy  
16 Fluid rock  
17 Like the fabled piper  
18 Motionless  
19 Be in charge of  
21 Summer quencher  
23 "Hondo", for one  
24 Prickly shrub  
25 Very skillful  
27 Hoops grp.  
30 Maintain  
33 Sign before Virgo  
34 Think tank nugget  
35 Krasinski of Hollywood  
36 Work shirker  
38 In the vicinity  
39 Quite often  
40 Piece of pipe  
41 Parody  
43 Detail on some tickets  
44 Acme

**DOWN**

1 Give the OK  
2 Way off base?  
3 Top picks, informally  
4 Common rental  
5 Lucky horse-shoe, e.g.  
6 Get one's bearings  
7 Go gray  
8 AKC concern  
9 Smooths, as wood  
10 Made believe  
11 Part of a plot


12 Prefix with physics or data  
15 Like some speeches  
20 Char, as a steak  
22 Decorator's concerns  
26 Pompeo of "Grey's Anatomy"  
28 Bridges of Hollywood  
29 Org. for seniors  
30 Cracked  
31 Without help  
32 Rigged court proceeding  
34 River float, at times  
37 ADA members  
42 Zip  
44 Kind of number  
45 Actor's study, perhaps  
47 Make amends  
49 1999 film, "Any \_\_\_\_ Sunday"  
50 Revise  
51 Digests digests  
52 Like some beds  
53 Leaf-stem angle  
57 Corn site

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# Station | Storied HQ

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The property included Excelsior Hall, which later became Firemen’s Hall. Fireman’s Hall served as a major social and athletic venue for the residents of Arcata and office space for the Volunteer Fire Department until it experienced a major fire on July 30, 1945, and was demolished.

Fireman’s Hall was replaced with a new fire station in 1949. The building was able to house six vehicles and a few small offices. Prior to that, the fire engines were housed at the Old City Hall on the northeast corner of Ninth and G streets.

In 1956 the Arcata Station was expanded to include a dining room/classroom, living quarters and a 2nd story fireman’s clubroom.

The apparatus bays were expanded in 1963 to allow for longer vehicles. In 1990, the building was seismically upgraded and two of the apparatus bays were converted into additional offices and a conference room.

In the 1990s, the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ Association started fundraising efforts to either remodel or replace the Ninth Street station.

As the need for fire department services was increasing, management of the fire department transitioned to the Arcata Fire Protection District and the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ Association assumed a supportive role for

the Fire District.

In 2015, thanks to fund-raising efforts by the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ Association and the generous support of the Orvamae Emerson Endowment, the Lucchesi Family, the Rotary Club of Arcata, and many public donations, enough funds were raised to completely remodel and expand the Ninth Street station.

At the request of the Arcata Fire Protection District, the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ Association obtained additional financing to remodel the McKinleyville fire station owned by the Arcata Fire Protection District.

The Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ Association agreed to use the rent collected from the Arcata Fire Protection District’s use of the Ninth street fire station to service the new debt.

In 2021, the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ Association started the process of transferring ownership of the Ninth Street Arcata fire station to the Arcata Fire Protection District.

This would allow the Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ Association to retire the additional debt incurred by the remodel of the District owned McKinleyville fire station.

After 100 years of Arcata Volunteer Firefighters’ ownership, on Dec. 17, 2024, the Ninth Street Station was sold to the Arcata Fire Protection District.

# Hoss and Nala – full of life, ready to go home

Redwood Pals Rescue helps the dog community in all kinds of ways. One thing we do is try to help with puppies that turn up at the shelter or whose owners call us when they have unplanned puppies and they don’t know what to do.

Fortunately, we have some wonderful foster homes that are set up for taking in puppies (and we’re always looking for more of those!). We get the puppies wormed and vaccinated and keep the puppies in foster until they are eight to ten weeks old.

After that, we offer them to our rescue partners in Oregon. They have a much larger metropolitan area for their adoptable animals and our pups are usually adopted within days of their arrival.

Our fosters often ask if the puppies can be adopted here. We have no objection to that, though we want to make sure adopters are looking for a puppy and

understand the lifetime commitment, and are not just swayed by puppy cuteness.

Out of a litter of six or eight, we might find one serious local adopter. Redwood Pals continues the vaccine series for those pups and gets them spayed or neutered.

We currently have a plea out to our northern friends for a litter of eight and a litter of 10, plus these two cuties that I’m featuring today.

These two, while unrelated, are living together in a foster home and are ready for their forever homes.

Meet Hoss and Nala! Hoss is 20 pounds of fun! He has charmed everyone that he has met, from the resident dog to the children in the neighborhood. He loves to play all kinds of games. He can wrestle with the other dogs or play fetch for as long as anyone would like to throw the ball.

Hoss will sit and come on command and has been a champ with

bath time. He loves the part where he gets dried off and will finish off his spa treatment with some great zoomies around the house. His foster describes him as “a loving goofball who has never met a belly rub he didn’t like.”

Hoss is four to five months old and will probably be a short and stocky fellow at maturity. Redwood Pals will get him neutered and microchipped as part of his adoption.

Nala is about 10 weeks old. She also



Hoss.

toys and enjoys a warm bath. Bully sticks and Yak cheese sticks are favorite treats.

Nala has a lovely short silky coat that shimmers in the sunshine. The animal control officer that delivered her to us thought she might be the breed called a black cur.

Whatever her breed, at the end of the day she is very happy to curl up on the couch or the dog bed and get some special snuggles in.

Nala is currently about 15 pounds and has some growing to do. Redwood Pals will get her spayed and microchipped as part of her adoption.

If you would like to meet either of these puppies, please email us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.



Nala.

PHOTOS BY BETH ERQUHART

loves playing with the other dogs and has learned that kids can be pretty fun too.

Little Nala came out of an encampment and is still learning about how great a life in a home can be.

She loves her stuffed

# 2024 | Array of rural issues

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include new laws as well as softer measures like education, advocacy and seeking funding for energy projects.

The Climate Committee is tasked with one of the plan’s most significant measures – to “develop a template policy or ordinance for regional jurisdictions to use” requiring “renewable and carbon-free energy sources” in new commercial and industrial development.

The county and cities are to adopt the policy or ordinance by 2026.

The plan’s inclusion of biomass energy as a fossil fuel alternative is under criticism and in November, a wood pellet manufacturing and export project slated for Tuolumne and Lassen counties became a local political issue.

Supervisor Rex Bohn’s support for the project in his representation of the county on the Rural Counties Representatives of California (RCRC) was challenged by other supervisors who are against the biomass project or have serious concerns about it.

Bohn’s reappointment to RCRC was up for a vote and he avoided an uncomfortable snub by agreeing to recuse himself from the group’s discussions and actions on the project until the Board of Supervisors establishes a stance on it.

Another controversial form of power – nuclear energy – came under local debate as the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) decided whether to accept energy from the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

The authority’s Board of Directors at first decided to accept the Diablo power in a vote where several commissioners were absent.

Due to a bureaucratic oversight and perhaps backlash, the board’s administrative staff recommended a revisit of the decision.

In late October, a more complete array of board members rejected nuclear energy acceptance in a 7-1 vote.

**Energy innovation**

In early November, the county was described as a leading energy innovator as the Board of Supervisors approved a unique electric vehicle pilot project.

Two Nissan Leaf EVs and their charging stations will be installed at the California Redwood Coast - Humboldt County Airport under a \$104,000 state grant administered by Cal Poly Humboldt.

The EV system has a unique and cutting edge ability to both draw power from the airport’s microgrid and feed energy into it.

Supervisor Mike Wilson described Humboldt as “a leader in energy in so many ways and one is microgrid systems.” He said the county “probably has the highest microgrid capacity per capita of any county in the United States.”

Humboldt is also an emerging player in the nation’s pursuit of offshore wind energy development.

Two areas 20 miles offshore of Eureka are slated for wind turbines and Humboldt Bay will be redeveloped into a major hub for staging and assembling turbines for projects here and elsewhere on the West Coast.

A timeline for port redevelopment was

outlined in a Harbor District presentation last summer.

Permitting for the port project will happen in 2025 and if construction begins in late 2026 as expected, the project’s first phase will be ready for operation in 2029.

That will set the stage for offshore wind development, which will be separately permitted.

Two European companies are leasing the federally-controlled offshore ocean areas and the timeline for operation of turbines is seven to 10 years.

**County budget and economy struggles**

In February – the middle of the fiscal year – the Board of Supervisors got a mid-year report on a stagnant budget and forecasts of an even more challenging future.

Two European companies are leasing the federally-controlled offshore ocean areas and the timeline for operation of turbines is seven to 10 years.

The budget had a \$12.4 million deficit, which was actually good news because it was predicted to be \$18.4 million.

But the deficit amount would rise later in the year.

The deficit is a persistent problem and Supervisor Michelle Bushnell described 2026 as the county’s budget “cliff.”

In late March, The budget situation complicated Sheriff Billy Honsal’s request for a hiring freeze exemption to fill three vacant positions he described as “vital.”

Supervisors approved the exemption but they warned that county departments – Honsal’s perhaps most of all – could be facing layoffs in near future budget cycles.

More warnings came in June.

Staff told supervisors several county departments have negative fund balances, which was described as “a threat to the General Fund.”

Supervisors approved a \$606 million budget in July and in an update in mid-December, some good news came.

Due to various one-time revenue boosts and cost-cutting, the budget’s General Fund – which pays for county services – was at \$42.8 million, \$13.2 million more than predicted when the budget was approved.

But at \$15 million, the deficit continued to be a concern. Administrative staff told supervisors an imbalance between spending and income has to be addressed.

A written staff report detailed the budget’s wider context – the local economy.

According to the report, sales tax revenue in the entire county was down by 1.9 percent April through June compared to the previous year.

In the unincorporated county area, sales tax revenue was down by 5.7 percent.

**Cannabis blues**

The county’s economy is undoubtedly impacted by the condition of one of its key industries – cannabis production.

A continuing decline influenced Board of Supervisors decision-making on the Measure S cannabis excise tax last November.

During a public comment period, Ross Gordon of the Humboldt County Growers Alliance reported the results of a survey the group distributed to cannabis farmers last fall.

Of 107 responding farmers, 85 percent said since November 2022, “Things have gotten worse,” he said.

Cultivators reported an average price per pound of \$350, down from \$400 the previous year.

One Southern Humboldt farmer said she was only getting \$250 a pound and was losing money, with a second crop run headed for the compost pile due to the threadbare price.

Considering the downturn, supervisors approved a one-year suspension of Measure S tax payments. Supervisor Rex Bohn voted against it but only because he supported a two-year suspension.

The move came after Measure S payments were restored to a minimal 10 percent level, after having been suspended for two years.

The total Measure S tax debt to the county stands at \$12 million.

**Home-seekers face crisis**

What’s been described as a “housing crisis” continues to be in full swing in Humboldt County.

County planners are responding to it and in August, the Board of Supervisors approved ordinances establishing approval pathways for tiny house villages and emergency housing.

Approval of the ordinances was recommended by the county’s Planning Commission, whose members vouched for setting affordability requirements for tiny houses.

But Planning Director John Ford said that would have to be done under an inclusionary zoning ordinance, which the county has been considering for years but hasn’t been able to adopt due to heavy opposition.

Ford said inclusionary zoning is vulnerable to legal challenges and is “broaching on dangerous ground.”

Tiny home development may not help much. These days even minimal 400-square-foot tiny houses are renting for well over \$1,000 a month.

Recognizing local need for housing affordability, last summer supervisors approved the use of \$2.7 million of funding from various non-county sources to solicit low income housing development.

Done through a competitive Requests for Proposals process, developers who propose projects geared for the lowest income levels get priority.

Another \$1 million in funding is for an already-permitted affordable housing project that’s being done in tandem with the Life Plan Humboldt senior assisted living project in McKinleyville.

Two acres of Life Plan Humboldt’s 13-acre project site will be for 50 units of low cost senior housing.

Supervisors also approved submission of a grant application for up to \$5 million in funding for supporting new and existing manufactured homes and a new law that allows housing of up to 30 units per acre in commercial areas.

In October, supervisors took another step, changing mobile home rent control rules by including residential RVs in their price limits.

The approval was made in defiance of lawsuit threats from representatives of the mobile home park industry.

A rough estimate of the county’s un-housed population was reported in Au-

gust, with 1,573 homeless people tallied in the biannual “point in time count” done early in the year.

The count total is a 4.4 percent decrease since the last count in 2022 and a 7.6 percent decrease since 2019, bucking a national trend of increased homelessness.

But there was some discussion about the likelihood of undercounting, due to factors like not being able to include private properties in the survey areas.

In a new twist, Arcata accounted for 533 of the 1,573 people in the count, topping Eureka for the unenviable distinction of having the most homeless residents in the county.

**Grand Jury probes police oversight, services funding**

The county’s Grand Jury issued newsworthy reports this year, with one recommending formation of a committee or creating a staff position to review Sheriff’s Office actions.

The report’s ultimate conclusion is reflected in its title, posed as a question: Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office: Is a Lack of Oversight Due to a Lack of Foresight?

The Grand Jury found that the county’s lack of independent oversight can lead to public mistrust and lack of mutual understanding between law enforcement and the community.

Response to the report was taken up by the Board of Supervisors in July and kicked to August for more analysis.

Supervisors voted to form a “work group” on it, including two supervisors and Sheriff Billy Honsal, who is dismissive of the idea.

In a lengthy statement to supervisors, Honsal questioned the need and the benefit of oversight beyond what already exists with the Grand Jury, the District Attorney’s Office and the state Department of Justice.

In late October, the working group presented its recommendation – to form a Sheriff’s Advisory Council to review “critical incidents” and research the viability and organization of oversight committees.

The \$15 million budget deficit posed a challenge, as staff noted creating an oversight committee or “inspector general” oversight position would involve “significant financial impacts.”

The deficit cast a longer shadow over another Grand Jury recommendation in a separate report titled Humboldt County, Behavioral Health, Substance Abuse and the Street, What Works?

Answering the question, the Grand Jury recommended additional funding for the county’s Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST) program, which brings mental health services to the streets.

Noting the budget deficit, county staff advised against following the recommendation.

“The county anticipates challenging budget years to come with an ongoing budget deficit and no anticipated substantial increases in discretionary revenue sources,” said Public Information Specialist Cati Gallardo last September, when supervisors considered the Grand Jury’s recommendation.

Supervisors agreed with staff and voted to hold off on more MIST funding.



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## Parent Info Nights



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# Take the Valley West Community Center Survey, win a gift card

**CITY OF ARCATA**  
**VALLEY WEST** – The City of Arcata invites the community to share their input and participate in the Valley West Community Center Survey.

Building on previous community conversations, this quick survey is an opportunity for people who live and work in Arcata, especially the Valley West community, to share their opinions on the development of a community center in the Valley West area.

The information gathered will be used to inform the physical development of the center and the services offered there.

The survey can be completed in either English or Spanish, and all survey participants have the option to be entered into a raffle to

win one of three gift cards.

Please complete the survey before Friday, Jan. 24.

Surveys are available for pickup or submission at Arcata City Hall, located at 736 F St., Arcata, CA 95521.

Residents can also participate online by

visiting the City's website at [cityofarcata.org/valleywest](http://cityofarcata.org/valleywest).

For questions about this project or the survey, please contact the Community Development Department by phone at (707) 822-5955 or by email at [comdev@cityofarcata.org](mailto:comdev@cityofarcata.org).

## VALLEY WEST Community Center



Invitamos a todos los miembros de la comunidad a participar en nuestra encuesta para ayudar a dar forma al futuro Centro Comunitario Valley West y sus servicios para toda la comunidad.

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Si está interesado en obtener una transferencia interdistrital, comuníquese con su distrito escolar de residencia para comenzar el proceso.

Este proceso es tanto para solicitudes nuevas como de renovación. Para obtener más información, por ejemplo, sobre los plazos de solicitud, comuníquese con su distrito escolar de residencia.

Si no está seguro de conocer su distrito de residencia, consulte en [hcoe.org/district-locator](http://hcoe.org/district-locator).



## A message to families about STUDENT ENROLLMENT & INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year has begun.

To register or for information on obtaining an interdistrict transfer, please contact your school district of residence to begin the process.

The interdistrict process is for both new and renewal requests. For more information, including deadlines, contact your district of residence.

If you are unsure of your district of residence, visit [hcoe.org/district-locator](http://hcoe.org/district-locator).





# Continuity and new beginnings in the fab, fabled Seaside Village

Begin 2025 with Trinidad walks, taking in the dramatic winter beauty of tumultuous seascapes in the storms or in the sun if it appears. The Bureau of Land Management’s interpretive park ranger, Dan Dendler, leads the Jan. 1, 7 a.m. hike around Trinidad Head.

Meet at the newly improved steps at the south end of the Trinidad Rancheria-Trinidad State Beach parking area for the 1.4 mile walk. 360 degrees of spectacular views.

The Tepona Point viewing area near Luffenholtz Beach is open after a months-long Trinidad Coastal Land Trust renovation project. Good parking. Picnic tables. Beautiful octagonal wooden viewing area at the tip of Tepona Point.

There is a long wooden bench for viewing Camel Rock and Houda Point at the southern edge.

The regular First Saturday Trinidad Head Light-

house tour takes place Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. to noon courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management/California Coastal National Monument, the Trinidad Rancheria and volunteer Trinidad Museum docents. Pedestrians only. Pets on leash.

Start at the Memorial Lighthouse at the base of Lighthouse Road for the approximately half mile walk up the paved road to the lighthouse gate.

**“We really, really, need a vehicle” for TCLT says Director Claire Nasr**

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust needs a vehicle for its many maintenance and stewardship projects.

The donation of a reliable truck or car or an in-kind donation of money to purchase one would be greatly appreciated by the TCLT staff and volunteers.

Executive Director Claire Nasr writes that trash removal capacity would be enhanced by 95 percent; green

waste removal would be expedited by 88 percent; trips to the green waste facility would be reduced by 40 percent and volunteer productivity would be enhanced by 30 percent.

Email [elizabeth@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org](mailto:elizabeth@trinidadcoastallandtrust.org) to find out more.

**First 2025 meeting for Trinidad Civic Club**

Rose Gale-Zoelick, executive director of the Breast and GYN Health Project, will be guest speaker at the Thursday, Jan. 9 meeting of the Trinidad Civic Club in the Club Room, Town Hall.

The business meeting commences at 10 a.m. with the guest speaker presenting her talk at 11:15 a.m. Co-Presidents Dana Hope and Jan West will lead the business meeting and Penne O’Gara will introduce Rose Gale-Zoelick.

Hostesses will be Janine Volkmar, Lynda Moran and Sharon Ferrett. Guests always welcome.

Email [Patti at baycity@sonic.net](mailto:Patti at baycity@sonic.net).



# In the fullness of time, we learn that it’s best to keep our cats indoors

Oh no!

I hesitated writing this article but I feel it is necessary. Just a warning... this is a sad and potentially disturbing story.

You have probably guessed that I love birds. Also, I love *all* animals, domestic and wild! My dog, Molly, is very special and a member of our family.

In the past, I “owned” a cat named PeeWee. (OK, she was my son’s cat but when he left home, she became *my* cat! You get the idea.) I truly loved her and she taught me how to have both happy wild birds and a happy cat. Let me say here that this was long ago and the indoor cat movement was not yet fully upon us.

With PeeWee as my guide, I was able to watch how she regarded the birds in the yard. I saw where she tried to hide and all the other maneuvers she used to hunt. I knew how high to hang the feeders. I created barriers and places for the birds to escape. I tried window feed-

ers to see the birds from in the house but not be available from outside. PeeWee was intrigued but quickly learned about glass windows!

From other research, I learned how ineffectual belled collars were. However, I also knew the potential hazards to cats with stiff collars. Being in the wild bird industry, I learned about the statistics of deaths of birds from feral and even well-fed free roaming cats. Many bird lovers are also cat lovers. For safety of both, the conversation began.

The first ingenious invention was a neoprene “cat bib.” The way it worked was that, placed on the cat’s (breakaway) collar, the cat could not see its feet and therefore had little “strike” power. The cat still had the ability to eat and groom and do cat stuff.

Next, as the “indoor cat” movement progressed, someone invented a “catio.” This is “cat” and “patio” put together to form this new and unusual



So, as my dog barked, I stepped out to retrieve my waste barrel. At the same time, two people were out walking. Suddenly...

Oh no! The cat was hit by a car. I am sure the driver was unaware. However, three of us witnessed the accident. The cat was not killed but was severely injured. It ran off dragging a badly injured leg. We watched as it struggled (quickly) up an alley, probably to its home.

One walker attempted to run after the cat to help it.

I will stop here...

Please, please, please keep your cat indoors. If you do not like that idea, use a harness and leash for outdoor adventures or build some kind of enclosure or a catio. I am guessing that cats are now also chipped. Most of us do the same for our dogs.

Later, I researched where and what to do if you find an unknown injured pet. The best and only place would be to contact the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. The phone number is (707) 840-9132 and they are located at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. That is near the airport.

Please keep cats and wild birds safe! Thank you for listening.

# Helpful information on how to reuse or recycle all that holiday decor

**CITY OF ARCATA**

ARCATA — The Environmental Services Department would like to remind community members to recycle their old holiday trees and lights instead of sending them to landfills.

Now that the Christmas holiday is over, give Christmas trees new life by recycling them. Since live trees are biodegradable, they can be safely composted, mulched or disposed of with other yard waste.

On the other hand, artificial trees are commonly made with metals and plastics that can’t be recycled. Similarly, light strands contain several materials that recycling facilities aren’t equipped to handle and sort.

Donating, repurposing and recycling holiday trees and lights rather than sending them to landfills can help reduce environmental impact. To prepare trees for recycling, remove all decorations, including ornaments, hooks, garlands, tinsel and lights. Flocked and painted trees are not eligible for recycling.

Arcata residents have several holiday tree and light recycling and repurposing options, including: Curbside Collection:

- Recology Arcata customers with yard waste collection can place their holiday trees in their green waste bin and it will be picked up. Cut the tree into 4 or 5-foot sections so the tree fits in the bin.
- Recology customers who do not have yard waste collection may schedule a tree pick-up for a small fee. Call Recology at (707) 442-5711.
- Drop-Off Locations**
- Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) offers free holiday tree drop-offs until Sunday, Jan. 12. After that date, there is a fee of \$8 for green waste drop-offs. Commercial trees do not apply. The HWMA Transfer Station is located at 1059 W. Hawthorne St. in Eureka. Please call (707) 268-8680 for more information.
- Humboldt Sanitation also offers free holiday tree drop-offs until Sunday, Jan. 12. After that date, there will also be a small fee of \$8 for green waste drop-offs. Their facility is located at 2585 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. Call (707) 839-3285 for more information.
- Steve Morris Logging will accept holiday trees as regular green waste. For residents of the City of Arcata, this counts as

- part of the no-cost drop-off allotment of 11 cubic yards per year.
- For non-residents there will be a small drop-off fee. Their facility is located at 1500 Glendale Dr. in McKinleyville. Call (707) 822-8537 for more information.
- Repurpose artificial and real trees:
- Turn an artificial tree into a wreath or garland. Even if some parts are broken it doesn’t mean all of it needs to end up in a landfill.
- Remove branches and attach them to a hoop or arrange them in a circle to make a wreath.
- Wrap branches around twine or a string of broken lights to create a garland.
- Change the theme of the tree, wreath or garland to represent another holiday like Valentine’s Day or another season like spring.
- Chop up a real tree at home and use it as firewood. Be sure to use proper protection equipment while cutting and then dry out the wood before burning.
- Light Recycling:
- Options to recycle broken holiday lights are unavailable locally. Community members who would like to recycle

- their holiday lights can box up and mail old lights to a specialized recycling company.
- Holiday LEDS in Michigan provides a light recycling service. For more information, visit [holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling](http://holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling).
- STEP 1: Package lights in recyclable boxes or packaging.
- Coordinate with friends, neighbors, co-workers and whoever else to collect lights and send in one bulk shipment. This reduces shipping costs for everyone and reduces the environmental impact of shipping!
- STEP 2: Address and send the lights by USPS, FedEx or UPS Ground to Holiday LEDS Recycling, W227N6225 Sussex Rd, Sussex, WI 53089
- STEP 3: Once the lights have been packed up and shipped, complete the Christmas light recycling form on their website for a coupon.
- For any questions or to learn more about the City’s solid waste programs and tips call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 or visit [cityofarcata.org/275/Recycling-Garbage-and-Organics](http://cityofarcata.org/275/Recycling-Garbage-and-Organics).

# CUMBRE | Community effort

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Romero and Alejandra Ojeda Gamboa helped select the list of food items, which included ingredients for traditional dishes such as pozole, tamales, mole, and other meals commonly prepared by Latinx families during the Christmas season.

The dedicated employees at WinCo Foods assembled our large order and assisted with loading it into our cars. Ray’s Food Place generously donated 80 paper bags to accommodate the heavy ingredients, as each family received two bags.

The Potawot Community Food Garden contributed a bag of apples for each recipient, while DeepSeeded Community Farm donated lettuce and radishes to complete the fresh produce portion of the packages.

Victor Vega Burgos and Antonio Vega Burgos adorned each bag with beautiful Christmas-themed artwork, and Kimberley White also helped decorate the bags with festive ribbons. We are very grateful that Kimberley,

along with CUNA, allowed us to use their Valley West Resiliency Hub to assemble and store the bags of food.

Salvador Garcia, CUMBRE Humboldt’s newest boardmember, assisted with picking up the ingredients and filling the bags with the 14 carefully selected items. Leticia Burgos helped deliver the 80 bags to grateful families in Arcata.

As CUMBRE Humboldt is dedicated to education and enrichment, we incorporated an additional component into this project: providing resources in Spanish to promote healthier ways of preparing traditional and everyday meals. This is particularly important given the high rates of obesity, diabetes and liver disease among Latinx communities, including children.

To support this effort, we have partnered with Jessica Rebholtz, a bilingual community nutrition educator with the UC Cooperative Extension. Jessica will lead a 5 to 9-week nutrition education program in 2025 in Valley West. Each session will in-

clude an hour of nutrition education followed by a tasting of healthy, low-budget recipes. These free sessions aim to serve as a foundation for ongoing healthy eating initiatives in the community.

Additionally, the Blue Lake Community Resource Center (BLCRC) has provided bilingual materials to support healthy eating habits. We extend special thanks to the BLCRC for also supplying bags of commodities that we have delivered to 21 Latinx families in Arcata monthly over the past four years. This ongoing support has been invaluable, especially since Arcata lacks a regular food distribution program for families and individuals in need.

This collaborative effort marks a meaningful step toward improving health and well-being within our local Latinx community. We extend our deepest thanks to the Humboldt Area Foundation and everyone who contributed to the success of Comida Navideña.

To donate and learn more about CUMBRE Humboldt’s ongoing efforts please visit [cumbrehumboldt.org](http://cumbrehumboldt.org).

¡Muchas gracias a todos!

# Zoo grants available

**SEQUOIA PARK ZOO CONSERVATION FUND**

EUREKA – The Sequoia Park Zoo Advisory Group’s Conservation Council is accepting proposals for our 13th annual Conservation Grant Program. Proposals should be submitted by individuals or organizations for projects that have a clear and direct impact on the conservation of wildlife or habitats. Appropriate projects include proposals for research, certain educational programs and habitat management.

Special consideration is given to projects that are in line with the Sequoia Park Zoo’s mission, focus on species represented at the Zoo, or support local wildlife or habitats. Funds will be granted up to \$3,000 for projects that can be completed within two years. The deadline for applications is Friday, Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. For more details and to download an application, please visit Sequoia Park Zoo’s website at [redwoodzoo.org/Conservation](http://redwoodzoo.org/Conservation).

The Sequoia Park Zoo Conservation Fund is a component fund of the Humboldt Area Foundation + Wild Rivers Community Foundation.

Proposals should be submitted by deadline to [ZooConservation@EurekaCA.gov](mailto:ZooConservation@EurekaCA.gov).

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Happy New Year! Let's begin with some noggin exercise

Toxic and alienating

I read Tamar Krigel's response to Pamela Brown's piece with deep sadness and, quite frankly, disgust at the way she personally attacks Ms. Brown. Ms. Krigel's accusations and examples of "lack of empathy" convey to me deep, unprocessed wounding and trauma that only serve to further the "othering" process that is so very toxic and alienating.

I am among countless American Jews, so many of whom are descendants of Holocaust survivors and victims, and including Israeli born/raised Americans who oppose the narrative Ms. Krigel espouses – the Zionist narrative that she reinforces with conviction, believing that her version is "right" and is "the truth."

So many of us are doing the hard work of dismantling decades of personal and social/political indoctrination. I hope Ms. Krigel will find a way to connect with others who can support her to move toward discovering a new understanding of "never again" that will allow a recognition of the need to oppose this ongoing genocide in Gaza and the untenable atrocities being committed in the name of "keeping Israel secure."

Carol V. Bloom  
Sonoma County

Tone tempers progress

Our world needs peace and understanding. After reading the editorial by Krigel, the response by Brown, and then the counter response by Krigel, I was very disappointed by the tone that Krigel used to counter the response from Brown. Rather than focus just on the disagreements with Brown's position and opinion, Krigel felt the need to denigrate the intelligence and character of Brown.

Progress cannot be made in achieving peace and understanding without discourse that keeps the exchange open instead of demonizing the other person rather than the ideas. This is something that contributes to the perpetuation of hate and division.

Cindy Dower  
McKinleyville

Cash and cuts

Happy 2025. Let's take a moment and look at some of the events of 2024 and of 2020.

In 2024, State Sen. Mike McGuire was in town for the annual food drive over the Christmas Holidays. The need is greater than ever, as the food bank is now serving 15 percent of the population, 21,000 individuals every month, 5,000 more than just two years ago.

Arcata House Partnership's safe parking program came to a close due to lack of funding for its \$477,000 annual cost. This much-needed program served 128 people and provided more than 14,500 "bed nights," nights that weren't classified as unsheltered on the streets.

As the need for services from the food bank increases and the safe parking program comes to a close, Arcata City Hall made an additional \$5 million discretionary payment towards its pension debt, which increased the total spent on this debt, for just one year, to \$7.5 million, 15 times the safe parking program budget.

In 2020, a similar loss of service occurred in Eureka. In early 2020, four people were brutally attacked in Eureka

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in four separate attacks. Two survived. Two were murdered. Eureka City Hall then cut \$1.1 million and six positions, including 4 officers, from EPD as it spent \$5.7 million on pension debt.

These are just two of the many cuts to local services.

Senator McGuire, as you are so vocal in proclaiming the community food drive raising \$56,000 and 22 tons of food in 2024 is a great contribution for those in need, where is your concern for all this loss of service at the local level?

How can Mike McGuire and friends, private sector, make up for all that Mike McGuire and friends, government sector, take away, due to this massive debt?

Thanks for listening,  
Patrick Cloney  
Eureka

Gasplanation needed

The average cost of a gallon of regular gasoline in Humboldt County is five dollars. A friend of mine who resides in Salem, Oregon, called me to gloat and to inform me that he recently paid \$2.89 a gallon.

Can someone explain to me why the price of gasoline in Humboldt County is not only the highest in California, but possibly the highest in the continental United States.

Since state and local officials can absorb the high cost of fuel, and

until they feel the pain at the pump that the rest of us experience, I doubt an answer to my question will be forthcoming.

Scott Baker  
McKinleyville

Trip to the moon

The Aeronautics Subcommittee met one afternoon

To learn about young Captain Haley's voyage to the moon.

The Congressmen were keen to hear his feats of expertise

And gleeful in the knowledge that they'd beaten the Chinese.

"The launch and flight were clean, the capsule dropped without a flaw,

Our "giant leap for mankind" prepped, we exited, and saw..."

Here Captain Haley paused, then said, in voice suffused with awe

"Some characters who claimed they came from someplace called Yee-Haw."

"But how?" "With friendly faces, they declared they'd come by train!

Using electrolysis, they breathe from solar rain.

They have a sort of heat pump, on the edge of night and day

For gardening": here Haley gave the Reps a fresh bouquet.

"Flush toilets?" Haley shook his head. "They have a compost shitter".

The members traded glances, with a disapproving twitter.



BE MERCIFUL THIS YEAR,  
EAT THE HEAD FIRST

That night they wagged their fingers at the moon, and threatened law

But Haley left the Space Force, and was soon seen at Yeehaw.

The fountain of invention springs from sources often odd,

And, sometimes, redwood stumps or car parts turn one's thoughts to God.

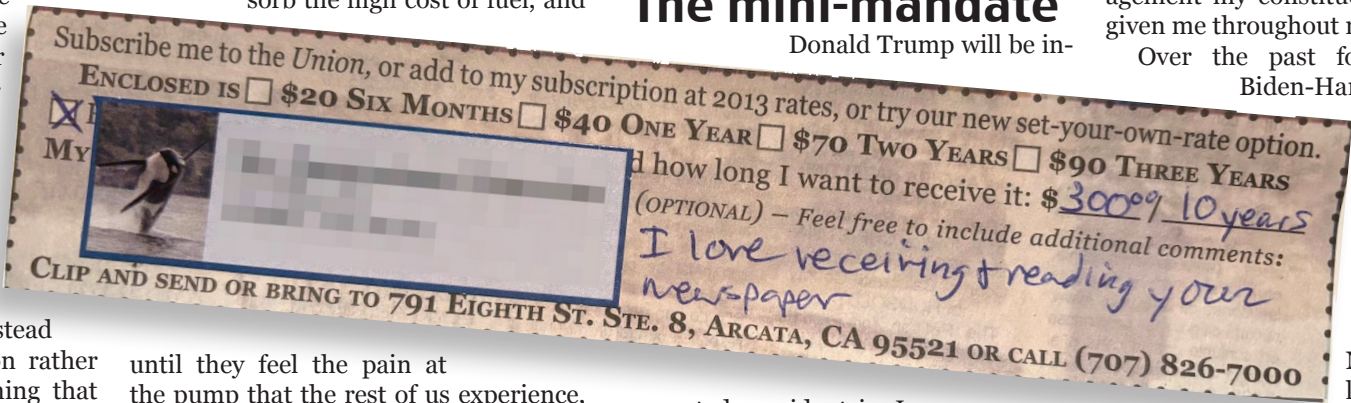
Remember Yeats! who wrote, with pedagogical intent,

"Love has built his mansion in the place of excrement."

Ellen Taylor  
Petrolia

The mini-mandate

Donald Trump will be in-



augurated president in January because he won the majority of votes in the Electoral College where each state gets its own number of votes under specific rules including population.

I have seen writers claiming that Trump won the majority of the popular vote as well, with Trump himself calling it an "unprecedented mandate." Examining the numbers however, one finds this is not the case.

Recent vote totals show that, out of approximately 156.3 million votes cast, Trump received 49.8 percent while Kamala Harris got 48.3 percent, a difference of a mere 1.5 percent of the total. Records reveal this is the fifth smallest such margin among the 32 elections held since 1900.

These results reveal two things. First, Trump received the plurality of the votes, but not the majority i.e. he got more votes than anyone else, but failed to get over half.

Secondly, although Trump called this an "unprecedented mandate," his relatively small margin in the popular vote as well as small GOP margins in congress would dictate otherwise.

If one wanted to put a label on the election, one might be generous and call it a "mini-mandate," but certainly nothing close to the unprecedented one Trump declared.

Sherman Schapiro  
Eureka

Alas, not a dream

I saw a televised interview with our "law and order" president-elect about the mob (oops, "patriots") that he said had "no choice" but to beat and injure the Capitol police officers.

Meanwhile, across Anytown, USA a bank robber (oops, "customer") had "no choice" but to shoot the security guard, pistol whip the manager and tie up the teller.

Please, tell me it's just a bad dream...

Louise Bacon-Ogden  
Eureka

The Huffman report

My entire career has been centered around protecting the environment and natural resources – from my time as an attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council to the past 12 years serving on this committee, and it's an important part of the work I do every day to serve you.

Our home includes a vast array of public lands and waters; we have more indigenous tribes than any district outside of Alaska; we experience some of the worst impacts of the climate crisis; and we're also at the forefront of innovative climate solutions.

I am incredibly grateful to the many partners who have supported me – tribes from around the country, environmental allies, and the overwhelming majority of my colleagues I've served with here in the House. And I am humbled by the encouragement my constituents like you have given me throughout my journey.

Over the past four years of the Biden-Harris administration,

we have delivered historic progress on climate action and transitioning to a green economy – and we won't let it be dismantled. Now with this new leadership role, I am better positioned than ever to prepare for a second Trump presidency and fight against the many extreme plans coming our way, much of it directed at the environment. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and do the work to protect our treasured natural resources, lift up tribal and frontline communities, and lead us as a team to effectively fight against Trump's Project 2025 agenda.

As we prepare for the important work of the new Congress, I am committed to ensuring that the House Natural Resources Committee serves as a steadfast defender of our environment, a beacon of climate action, and a champion for all the communities that are counting on us.

And please don't forget: whether it's help working with a federal agency, or providing information about legislation and policy, my staff and I are here to help - you can fill out this form on my website.

To keep up with the work I am doing as your representative, please subscribe to my newsletter, and follow me on Bluesky, Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram and Threads.

As the holiday approaches, I am grateful for the wonderful people and places that make this district a such spectacular place.

Thank you, and stay well,

Bayside's new roundabout works wonderfully well – thank you, road workers

It is finally done!

The construction project from Jacoby Creek road to Sunny Brae is now complete (except for a few minor items) and it is marvelous.

There is now sidewalk all the way and bike lanes on both sides with crosswalks and flashing crossing signs. There is also added parking across from the Grange, which was necessary because when there were events, traffic would park on both sides of the road and it would be down to one lane. The drainage ditch had underground culverts installed with pavers on top so it is safer to park, ride a bike and walk.

Riding my bike to Sunny Brae used to feel like I was riding over

train tracks. It is so smooth now.

Before the Jacoby Creek roundabout, people would be driving on Old Arcata Road towards Jacoby Creek School up to 48 miles per hour in the 25 mph zone. I was able to verify the speed because there was a radar speed sign as one would approach the school.

Now, the traffic is much safer for all people in a car, on a bike or walking.

There are still a few problems but they are minimal compared



❖ GUEST  
OPINION  
Paul  
Nicholson

them, almost hitting them. What was particularly sad

to the improvements that were made!

Now I would like to discuss the elephant in the room! It is particularly sad how the work crew from GR Sundberg was treated by the vehicle drivers.

I heard stories about people yelling, cussing and spitting on them. The vehicle drivers would also ignore the flaggers by driving right past

was that adults with children in the car were displaying such horrible behavior and teaching the children that it was the way to handle a situation.

Imagine if those adults saw their children being talked to like they talked to the flaggers and workers. Would they object to that treatment?

Adults, please set an example and stop what is becoming common practice in today's society. It was only a few and you know who you are!

People serve us every day no matter where we go. We need them to be there or we would not be able to get what we need. We don't know what people are going through in their lives. One worker at the site opened up to

me that he had cancer and has a port for his infusions. I said I wanted to write a letter to the editor and asked if I could mention his situation and he said, yes.

We don't know their financial, physical or emotional struggles they have just to serve us. I told the worker I make it a goal of mine to make someone smile every day and am particularly kind to those who serve me. I say "Thank You For Working" and smile. I hope I change someone's attitude every day.

Please help to pass a smile on to others. You may be the only positive interaction they have that day and it will mean a lot.

Paul Nicholson is a Bayside resident.



FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00641

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **SPYGLASS INN 118 DOLPHIN DR. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **SIMY RAJAN 118 DOLPHIN DR. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** **HUMBLE CHARLES 118 DOLPHIN DR. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** This business is conducted by: **A MARRIED COUPLE S/SIMY RAJAN, CO-OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Dec. 10, 2024 **JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK** 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00642

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **OCEANVIEW HOT TUBS 55 EEL CT. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **SIMY RAJAN 55 EEL CT. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** **HUMBLE CHARLES 55 EEL CT. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** This business is conducted by: **A MARRIED COUPLE S/SIMY RAJAN, CO-OWNER**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00643

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **CLIFF HOUSE 141 WAVE DR. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **SIMY RAJAN 141 WAVE DR. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** **HUMBLE CHARLES 141 WAVE DR. WHITEHORN, CA 95589** This business is conducted by: **A MARRIED COUPLE S/SIMY RAJAN, CO-OWNER**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00597

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **BLUE COLLAR INNOVATIONS 2578 OLD STATE HIGHWAY FORTUNA, CA 95540** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **ETHAN T. HOUSE-WORTH 2578 OLD STATE HIGHWAY FORTUNA, CA 95540** This business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL S/ETHAN HOUSE-WORTH, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 12, 2024 **JUAN P. CERVANTES JR/DEPUTY CLERK** 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00632

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **MISSING LINX INTERPRETING 1515 RONALD AVE. FORTUNA, CA 95540** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **CRISTALING T. AN-DRADE 1515 RONALD AVE. FORTUNA, CA 95540** This business is conducted by: **AN INDIVIDUAL S/CRISTALING AN-DRADE, OWNER/OPERATOR**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Dec. 3, 2024 **JUAN P. CERVANTES JC/DEPUTY CLERK** 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 24-00615

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HOTEL IVANHOE 315 MAIN STREET FERNDALE, CA 95536** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **THE RESTATED HOFFMAN-MULVIHILL REVOCABLE TRUST DATED AUG. 20, 1998 315 S. MAIN STREET FERNDALE, CA 95536** This business is conducted by: **A TRUST S/GEOFFREY D. MUSSLMAN, TRUSTEE**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on Nov. 21, 2024 **JUAN P. CERVANTES SG/DEPUTY CLERK** 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1

SUMMONS (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER) CASE NUMBER:-FL090159

FILED NOV. 27, 2024 PERSON ASKING FOR PROTECTION:

1. **VALERIE ROSE-CAMPBELL, DALIN CAMPBELL, MAREA CAMPBELL, LAYLA ROSE, KORBIN CAMPBELL** 2. **NOTICE TO: STEPHEN GASPARAS, AKA SAI ROSE** PERSON 1. (VALERIE ROSE-CAMPBELL, DALIN CAMPBELL, MAREA CAMPBELL, LAYLA ROSE, KORBIN CAMPBELL) IS ASKING FOR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST YOU. **YOU HAVE A COURT DATE:**

JAN. 13, 2025 8:30 A.M. CR06 Humboldt Superior Court 825 Fifth Street Eureka, CA 95501 **What if I don't go to my court date?**

If you do not go to your court date, the judge can grant a restraining order that limits your contact with th person in 1. If you have a child with the person in 1, the court could make orders that limit your time with your child. Having a restraining order against you may impact your life in other ways, including preventing you from having guns and ammunition. If you do not go to the court date, the judge could grant everything the person in 1 asked the judge to order.

**How do I find out what the person (1) is asking for?**

To find out what the person in (1) is asking the the judge to order, go to the courthouse listed at the top of this notice. As tyhe court clerk to let you see your case file. You will need to give the court clerk your case number, which is listed above. The request for restraining order will be on form DV-100, REQUEST FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER.

**Where can I get help?**

Free legal information is available at your local court's self-help center. Goto [www.courts.ca.gov/](http://www.courts.ca.gov/) selfhelp to find your local center.

**Do I need a lawyer?**

You are not required to have a lawyer, but you may want legal advice before your court hearing. For help finding a lawyer, you can visit [www.lawhelpca.org](http://www.lawhelpca.org) or contact your local bar association.

Meara Hattan, Clerk Deputy, ATONIA Date: NOV. 27, 2024 12/11, 12/18, 12/25, 1/1

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME BRANDEN TYLER KANOA RABANG SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402256**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **BRANDEN TYLER KANOA RABANG** To Proposed name: **BRANDEN TILER KANOA CARROLL**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: JAN. 17, 2025 Time: 8:30 A.M.

Dept.: 4 Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: Dec. 3, 2024 Timothy A. Canning, Judge of the Superior Court

12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CECILIA CATHERINE MCGEHEE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402313**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **CECILIA CATHERINE MCGEHEE**

To Proposed name: **CECILIA CATHERINE RODRIGUEZ**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: JAN. 24, 2025 Time: 8:30 A.M.

Dept.: 4 Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: Dec. 3, 2024 Timothy A. Canning, Judge of the Superior Court

12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEFFREY WAYNE MATTHEWS**

CASE NO.: PR2400334

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **JEFFREY WAYNE MATTHEWS**

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by CINDY VICKERS in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: CINDY VICKERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:**

Date: Jan. 9, 2025 Time: 9:30 a.m.

Dept.: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

COURT MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PLEASE VISIT <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov> FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ONLINE VIDEO HEARING.

**If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.**

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or**

(2) **60 days** from the date of mailing of personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.**

If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**SOLE CASHMAN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS ST. EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 12/25, 1/1, 1/8**

File # 15952006 T.S. No.: 24-14230-104 Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*0032 Notice of Trustee's Sale Note: There is a summary of the information in this document attached

"[Pursuant to civil code § 2923.3(a), the summary of information referred to above is not attached to the recorded copy of this document, but only to the copies provided to trustor.] You are in default under a deed of trust dated 9/14/2018. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Ian S Bell and Courtney A Bell, husband and wife, as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 9/18/2018, as Instrument No. 2018-017032, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California Date of Sale: 1/24/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 825 5th. Street, Eureka, Ca 95501 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$217,366.18 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 732, 740 & 744 Locust St, Garberville, California 95542 Legal Description: The land referred to herein below is situated in the unincorporated area in the County of Humboldt, State of California and is as described as follows: Parcel 1 as shown on parcel map no. 2317 filed in the office of the County recorder in book 20 of parcel maps, pages 90 and 91 Humboldt County Records. A.P.N.: 032-042-018 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code section 2924f. Notice to potential

bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier's checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier's checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown in this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time if you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website [www.wtcap.com](http://www.wtcap.com), using the file number assigned to this case 24-14230-104. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (559) 228-8393, or visit this internet website [www.wtcap.com](http://www.wtcap.com), using the file number assigned to this case 24-14230-104 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 20, 2024 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap. com By Nate Kucera Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 37607 01/01/25, 01/08/25, 01/15/25)

File # 15952015 T.S. No.: 24-14231-104 Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*0031 Notice of Trustee's Sale Note: There is a summary of the information in this document attached

"[Pursuant to civil code § 2923.3(a), the summary of information referred to above is not attached to the recorded copy of this document, but only to the copies provided to trustor.] You are in default under a deed of trust dated 1/28/2014. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an

explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Original Trustor(s): Ian Bell and Courtney Bell, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation Recorded 1/30/2014, as Instrument No. 2014-001828-16, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Humboldt County, California Date of Sale: 1/24/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the County Courthouse, 825 5TH Street, Eureka, Ca 95501 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$192,466.32 Estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 376 Riverview Dr, Garberville, California 95542 Legal Description: That real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows: Parcel One: Beginning at a point located south 9 degrees 11 minutes east, 215.25 feet from the northwest corner of lot 14 of Benbow Company Subdivision No. 1, according to the map thereof on file in the Humboldt County Records; and running Thence south 9 degrees 11 minutes east, 197.84 feet to the center of the east branch of the South Fork of the Eel River; Thence downstream along said center of river south 74 degrees 49 minutes west, 107 feet; Thence north 12 degrees 01 minutes west, 268.51 feet; Thence north 77 degrees 59 minutes east, 100 feet; Thence south 12 degrees 01 minutes east, 65 feet; thence north 77 degrees 59 minutes east, 16.78 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel Two: beginning on the east line of lot 7 of Huber Subdivision as shown on the map thereof on file in the recorder's office of Humboldt County in book 13 of maps, page 32, at a point distant southerly thereon, 40 feet from the northeast corner thereof; Thence south 77 degrees 59 minutes west, 10 feet; Thence south 12 degrees 01 minutes east, 50 feet; Thence south 77 degrees 59 minutes west, 15 feet; Thence south 12 degrees 01 minutes east, 179.89 feet to the south line of said lot; Thence north 74 degrees 49 minutes east, 25.04 feet to the southeast corner of said lot; and Thence north 12 degrees 01 minutes west, along the east line of said lot, 228.51 feet to the point of beginning. the above described property being shown as parcel 1 on parcel map no. 2147 filed March 8, 1983 in book 19 of parcel maps, pages 4 and 5, Humboldt County Records. A.P.N.: 033-311-029 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. In the event that the Deed of Trust described in this Notice of Trustee's Sale is secured by real property containing one to four single-family residences, the following notices are provided pursuant to the provisions of Civil Code

section 2924f. Notice to potential bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Bidders at the trustee auction must make cashier's checks payable to WT Capital. Third party cashier's checks will not be accepted. Notice to property owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 559-228-8393 or visit this internet website [www.wtcap.com](http://www.wtcap.com), using the file number assigned to this case 24-14231-104. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice to tenant: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (559) 228-8393, or visit this internet website [www.wtcap.com](http://www.wtcap.com), using the file number assigned to this case 24-14231-104 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: December 20, 2024 WT Capital Lender Services, a California corporation 7522 North Colonial Avenue, Suite 111 Fresno, California 93711 (559) 228-8393 WTCap. com By Nate Kucera, Chief Executive Officer (IFS# 37609 01/01/25, 01/08/25, 01/15/25)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME NAOMI ANDREA PRESLEY SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV2402436**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. Present name: **NAOMI ANDREA PRESLEY** To Proposed name:

**NOVA ANDRE PLANTS**

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: Feb. 7, 2025 Time: 1:45 p.m.

Dept.: 4 Room: 4

For information on how to appear remotely for your hearing, please visit <https://www.humboldt.courts.ca.gov/>.

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: Dec. 24, 2024 Timothy A. Canning, Judge of the Superior Court

1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF ARCATA CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, to consider the following two items:

1) Ordinance No. 1574, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code to Adjust Councilmember Salary, Title II—Administration, Chapter 1—Council, Section 2010—Salaries of the City Council, if adopted, as permitted by state law, would increase City Council salaries by up to five percent (5%) for each year since the previous increase in 2023. Salaries would increase by up to \$84.95 monthly, going from \$849.51 to \$934.46.

2) Ordinance No. 1576, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code Relating to Purchasing Procedures, Title II—Administration, Chapter 4—Fiscal Administration, if adopted, would update the purchasing provision of the Arcata Municipal Code to reflect recent increases to the purchasing limits for materials, supplies and services for public projects, established by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission. The increased limits will improve efficiency and increase flexibility for public agencies in the implementation of public projects and in keeping up with rising construction costs.

The meeting agenda, staff reports, and draft ordinances will be publicly available by 5:00 p.m., January 10, 2025, at <https://www.cityofarcata.org> and at 736 F Street, Arcata, during regular business hours.

Any person who challenges this action in court may be limited to raising only those issues that they or someone else raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Arcata at, or prior to, the public hearing.

**HOW TO OBSERVE AND/OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING**

Members of the public may attend the meeting in person to give their comment, or before the meeting by sending written comment to the City Council, City of Arcata, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521, or by sending an email to [citymgr@cityofarcata.org](mailto:citymgr@cityofarcata.org). Written comments WILL NOT be read during the meeting, but they will be forwarded to the City Council and included in the written record of the meeting. Any questions or comments regarding this notice should be directed to the City Clerk at (707) 822-5953 or [rvarely@cityofarcata.org](mailto:rvarely@cityofarcata.org).

Date Notice Published: December 27, 2024. /s/ Rhea Varley, City Clerk 1/1

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**PAPAYA LOUNGE**  
ARCATA – Honkadiddle doo! Prime your swizzle sticks and shake your rocks! Papaya Lounge is back slinging some super-fat supernatural high-ball tinglin’ tang. This time with a paranormal twist. And definitely not just the regular kind of paranormal. Come sip and slurp on the weird-infused juicy world of the Papaya lounge crew and get high off the “spirits” you will surely encounter during “Papaya Lounge: Supernatural(s)” Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 6, 7, 8, at the Carlo Theatre in Blue Lake at 8 p.m. For ages 18-plus.

Papaya Lounge is in its sixth season and has reached *full* boner mode metaphorically speaking. No chubs or half-chubs here ≠ in fact, an additional weekend of shows has been added to the run since we have sold-out for the last five seasons and the papaya team is ready to go hard. And it will get spooky... So get your tickets soon.

This year’s haunted hoedown twists down mystical port-holios beyond the veil. Promising to ravish your senses with delightful otherworldly wizardry, the Papaya Lounge’s cast of ding donges are confronted with the great beyond (all while sporting great behinds). Come join your sizzling host, Velvet Q. Jones, played by Sarah McKinney, her non-sexual life partner Nancy Schwartz, played by Alyssa Hughlett, and her personal bartender, psychologist, and witch-best friend, Musty Beaver, played by Janessa Johnsrude as they bake a situational pie tasting of Agent Scully and Pee-wee Herman all at once in a cabaret inspired extravaganza. Special

**PAPAYANS** Nancy, Velvet and Musty (Alyssa Hughlett, Sarah McKinney, Janessa Johnsrude).  
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cial guests include Komboujia, Will English, Jesse March, Alessandra Russo and Victoria Timoteo.

Also, very special, we are calling all performing artists to come to our show on Feb. 6. Whether you act, juggle balls, make music, or do weird installations – we know that making it in the arts can cause a heavy bleeding situation when it comes to money. We’ve got a handy papaya PAD (Performing Artist Discount) ready for you with a buy a ticket get one at a discount deal on Thursday night. And guess what? We are following up Thursday Night’s performance with a PAP (Performing Arts Party) Schmear Schmooze. Come get down at the world famous Logger Bar with us after the show and meet others like you. Clots be damned, let

it flow and put your pinky up on that diva cup! *Shurp!*

The Saturday night, Feb. 8 performance will be followed by an after dance-party also at the Logger Bar across the street with beats by a delectable surprise DJ. Let the cocktail-tailing continue as the audience processes all the strange things that just happened to them at the show...at the after-party. You must be 21-plus to attend this get-down after the show.

The Papaya Lounge experience features the musical stylings of the Papaya house band, the Enthusiastic Consents, featuring some of Humboldt’s finest musicians: Doug Marcum on guitar, Michael (Tofu) Schwartz on drums, Marla Joy on horn(s), Ken Lawrence on bass and Tim Randles on keys.

The show is being developed in residence at Dell’Arte International. Big thank you to our sponsors which include Septentrio Winery, Dead Reckoning Tavern and Humboldt Craft Spirits.

“Papaya Lounge: Supernatural(s)” plays at the Carlo Theatre at 131 H St. in Blue Lake on the last weekend of January (Friday, Jan. 31, Saturday, Feb. 1), and the first weekend in February (Thursday Feb. 6, Friday Feb. 7 and Saturday Feb. 8) at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for regular seating and \$200 for a four-top table up front in the “Splash Zone.” Thursday, Feb. 6 tickets include entry to the Logger Bar for the PAP Schmear Schmooze and all tickets include entrance into the after-party following the final show Feb. 8 at the Logger Bar. Get tickets online by visiting [papayalounge.com](http://papayalounge.com). Suitable for ages 18-plus.

**THE ALLEY CATS** perform Thursday, Jan. 2 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Randy Stodola performs local jazz favorites with vocalist and bassist Apryl Cady and drummer Matt Laskey. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (707) 645-2309, [basementarcata.com](http://basementarcata.com)

**THE LOST DOGS** perform Friday, Jan. 3 at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake. Local musicians the Lost Dogs are mainly a blues band, but they also enjoy playing a variety of styles such as rockabilly, R&B and a little country. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. 21 and over. (877) 252-2946, [bluelakecasino.com](http://bluelakecasino.com)

**YOUNG AND LOVELY** performs Saturday, Jan. 4 at The Basement, 780 Seventh St., ground floor of Jacoby’s Storehouse, Arcata. Local enthusiastic, engaging and sultry quintet featuring the Penner siblings, Nate Zwerdling on stand-up bass,

and Mike Labolle on drums. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. 21 and over. \$5 at the door.

**COMING UP:**

- Michael Palasack at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Saturday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m.
- Black Flag at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.
- Greensky Bluegrass at Blue Lake Casino, Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.
- The Alex Lucero Band at the Arcata Playhouse, Friday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
- Peter Sawyer at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Jan. 17, 8:30 p.m.
- Sierra Hull at the Van Duzer Theatre, Saturday, Jan. 18, 8 p.m.
- The Peking Acrobats at the Van Duzer Theatre, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
- Dogs in a Pile at the Arcata Theatre Lounge, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 8 p.m.
- Mason Jennings at Humboldt Brewery, Thursday, Jan. 23, 8 p.m.
- Etana at Humboldt Brewery, Friday, Jan. 24, 9 p.m.

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